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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In February 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Elizabeth Nahleen Messinger** (NA60020561) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say a resident at the adult family home where Messinger worked loaned or gave her \$500. Messinger allegedly admitted accepting the money but hasn't repaid it.

Clark County

In February 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Christina Ann Gjesvold**, also known as Christina Ann Stroup (CO60224108).

In February 2014 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Brenda Lee Hanson** (RN00129197) that reinstates her license and requires her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Hanson admitted diverting controlled substances while working at two Oregon hospitals. Her Oregon license was suspended and then placed on probation for three years before she voluntarily surrendered it, saying she doesn't plan on working in Oregon.

In February 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted a certified nursing

assistant credential to **Michelle Shree Gray** (NC60356138) and placed her credential on probation for at least five years. She was convicted in Washington of one felony and in Oregon of crimes equivalent to six felonies and five gross misdemeanors between 2000 and 2009.

Cowlitz County

In February 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Brandi Michelle Olney** (CO60211959).

Grant County

In February 2014 the Respiratory Care Practitioner Program entered an agreement with respiratory care practitioner **Colette K. Lancaster** (LR00003822) that places her credential on probation for at least two years. Lancaster practiced outside her scope when she discontinued a patient's oxygen flow without a physician's order.

King County

In February 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Shaun J. Richardson** (RN00131344) with unprofessional conduct. Richardson allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In February 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional credential to **Kimberly Marie Rohwer** (CP60229246) and placed it on probation for at least three years. Rohwer, who must enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program, received a chemical dependency professional trainee credential in 2012 that was placed on probation.

In February 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Alexander Gachie Mbugua** (NC60029168) requiring him to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program. Mbugua was convicted of driving while intoxicated twice in 2010 and once in 2011.

In February 2014 the Medical Assistant Program conditionally granted an interim medical assistant credential to **Edrie Roy Caminong** (IC60439546) requiring him to continue complying with a substance abuse monitoring contract that he signed when he was granted a health care assistant credential in 2010.

In February 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Paulus R. Kutrich** (RN00169953) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations are that Kutrich didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In February 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Lianhua Li** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Li, who has no massage practitioner credential, allegedly provided massage to a client.

In February 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for certified nursing assistant **Biniam Beraki Belay** (NC60223264).

Kitsap County

In February 2014 the Occupational Therapy Board ended conditions on the credential of occupational therapist **Linda S. Baker** (OT00000498).

In February 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended conditions on the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Carolyn Rae Bjorkheim** (CO60197879).

Pierce County

In February 2014 the Nursing Commission amended a statement of charges against licensed practical nurse **Bilinda Hunter** (LP00049336) to delete two allegations of inadequate documentation or diversion of narcotic medication.

Snohomish County

In February 2014 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Cassandra L. Abbott** (RN00097911) that places her credential on probation for at least two years, fines her \$1,000, and requires her to complete continuing education in ethics, legal issues and professional boundaries. Abbott sent hydrocodone prescriptions to a pharmacy for a patient at least 37 times. The patient was another clinic employee's husband. Abbott listed a prescribing physician on the prescriptions who wasn't the patient's primary care provider. The physician listed didn't know of or approve the prescriptions.

Spokane County

In February 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certified nursing assistant credential of **Denia Caridad Correa** (NC10046540). Her credential was suspended in 2011 after she didn't respond to a Department of Health inquiry about apparent irregularities involving patient medication.

In February 2014 the Nursing Commission reinstated the registered nursing credential of **Robin Marie Pena** (RN60219122) and ordered her to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program. Pena's license was indefinitely suspended in 2013 after she surrendered her Alaska license in connection with allegations of a falsified application, and that she had a chemical dependency.

In February 2014 the Nursing Commission ended probation for registered nurse **Linda C. Weinzimmer-Kirk** (RN00084119).

In March 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Melissa R. Hubbard** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order after she allegedly engaged in massage practice in 2013 even though her massage practitioner credential expired in 2008.

Stevens County

In February 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Jennifer L. McKinney** (NC10075495) with unprofessional conduct. McKinney allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Yakima County

In February 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Elizabeth Hernandez Aldana** (NC60299567) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Aldana was convicted of third-degree assault — domestic violence.

Out of State

Oregon: In February 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Guadalupe Gutierrez** (NC60151060) requiring her to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2012 Gutierrez was convicted in Oregon of driving while intoxicated.

Oregon: In March 2014 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Delon Karsten Gilbert** (DE60361877) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Gilbert pleaded no-contest in Oregon to unlawful possession of cocaine.

Pennsylvania: In February 2014 the Osteopathic Board charged osteopathic physician **David Thomas Steves** (OP60243088) with unprofessional conduct. Steves allegedly visited an elderly female patient's home several times without an invitation, and discussed his sexual problems in his marriage with the patient. Charges say Steves acknowledged the allegations and admitted having gone too far in discussing his personal problems with her. The patient allegedly interpreted the comments as a proposition for sex with her.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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